



Monroe Lake

Program Schedule
April to mid-May 2016

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Lake Monroe Marina and Boat Rental (at Cutright SRA): 812-837-9394, lakemonroemarina.com

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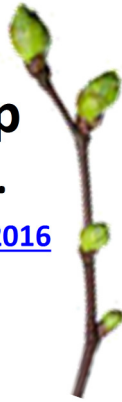


Paynetown Fossil Dig Love searching for fossils? Check out our Fossil Dig at the **back end of the Overflow Parking Area** at Paynetown SRA! Although rock and fossil collecting is prohibited at Monroe Lake, any rocks and fossils found *in this activity site* can be taken home with you! Available year-round.

Buds and Blooms: Spring Tree ID Workshop Tuesday, April 12 at 2:00 p.m.

- Sign up at <http://bit.ly/budsblooms2016>
- Cost is \$10 per person.
- Register by April 6.
- Limited to 14 people.
- Program Location: Paynetown SRA

An in-depth workshop for those who want to learn the techniques and terms for identifying trees before they are fully leafed out. The first part of the workshop will be conducted indoors; the second part will be outside practicing hands-on field identification – so dress appropriately. **2 ½ hours**



Salt Creek Wildflowers Hike Tuesday, April 19 at 9:30 a.m.

- Sign up at <http://bit.ly/scflowers2016>
- Register by April 17.
- Limited to 15 people.
- Meeting Location: Corps of Engineers Office

One of the best locations to see spring wildflowers in bloom at Monroe Lake! This spot is home to an unusual white-blooming form of Virginia Bluebells, along with over 30 other species of spring ephemerals. Our hike will take us from the ridge-top woods into a floodplain valley. **2 hours**





Brown County Wildflower Foray

Friday, April 22 to Sunday, April 24

Over 30 guided hikes and other wildflower and nature programs throughout Brown County and Monroe County, led by experts and resource professionals!

For the complete schedule, visit

<http://www.tinyurl.com/bcwildflowerforay>

Lunch with Nature Series

Join us for our monthly Lunch with Nature Series! Bring a sack lunch to enjoy during the main presentation. Afterwards, there is a short hike/activity that highlights the topic. **90 minutes**

Ferns on Monday, April 25 at 11:00 a.m.



- Sign up at <http://bit.ly/lwn2016apr>
- Register by April 21.
- Limited to 12 people, recommended for adults.
- Location: Paynetown SRA, Activity Center



Did you know that the oldest still living species on Earth is a fern? And not just any fern – one that grows right here in Indiana! We'll take a close look at this amazing group of plants: from how ferns survive and reproduce to the intricacies of identification.

Mosses and Lichen on Monday, May 23 at 11:00 a.m.



- Sign up at <http://bit.ly/lwnmay2016>
- Register by May 18.
- Limited to 12 people, recommended for adults.
- Location: Paynetown SRA



What, exactly, are mosses and lichens? How do they survive and what role do they play in the ecosystem?

FREE Admission to ALL Indiana State Parks, including Paynetown and Fairfax SRAs at Monroe Lake, on **Sunday, May 1!**

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Discovery Hike at 1:00 p.m.

Meeting Location: Paynetown SRA, Overflow Parking Area

This hike is specifically designed for families with kids ages 4 to 12. Join Monroe Lake's naturalist on a fun and easy hike through field and forest areas to search for signs of spring and explore animal and plant activity. **60 minutes**



Spring Crafts for Kids from 2:30 to 4 p.m.

Program Location: Activity Center Shelter

Grab your kids and drop by to make a few crafts inspired by and celebrating the spring season! Crafts are appropriate for ages 4 and up, but younger kids will need some help.

Flora Field Day

Tuesday, May 3 at 9:30 a.m.

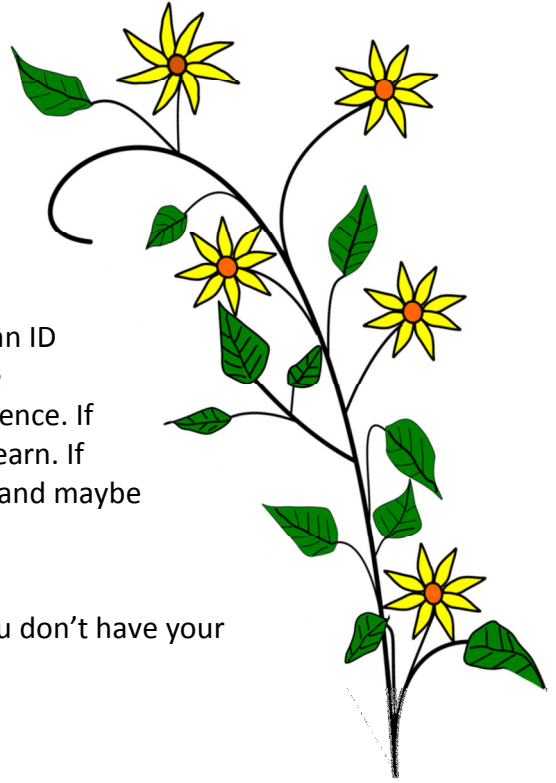
- Sign up for this session at <http://bit.ly/floramay16>
- Registration required by April 30.
- Free; recommended for ages 12 and up.
- Session location: Salt Creek SRA

Want to work on your flora identification skills? Practice with a naturalist! Field day emphasis is on proper use and application of an ID key, which opens the door to identifying thousands of species. The naturalist will work with each attendee based on their prior experience. If you've never worked with flower ID before, this is a great way to learn. If you have prior experience, this is a fun way to practice your skills (and maybe add some new blooms to your life list!). **2 hours**

Things to Bring:

- Newcomb's Wildflower Guide (extra copies available, if you don't have your own)
- bug spray (long pants are also a good idea!)
- hat and sunglasses (for sun protection)
- water bottle (pre-filled)
- camera (if you're the picture-taking type)

Future Flora Field Day Sessions: June 7, July 5, August 2, September 6, October 4



Intro to Kayaking on Sunday, May 22 at 1:30 p.m.



- Sign up at <http://bit.ly/introkayakmay2016>
- Registration required by May 17.
- Cost is \$10 per person.
- Limited to 8 people; ages 8 and up.
- Location: Paynetown SRA

If you love seeing wildlife, or just enjoy exploring, kayaking is for you! Kayaks let you reach backwater areas and quiet bays that aren't otherwise accessible; it's a wonderful way to experience Monroe Lake. This workshop is specifically designed for beginners with zero (or very little) paddling experience. We'll teach you all the basic skills and provide supervised paddling time in a quiet water area to practice. **Kayaks, paddles, and lifejackets are all provided. 2 hours**

**Memorial Day Weekend and late-May programs
will be on the *next* schedule. Stay tuned!**

But better go ahead and make your camping reservations now: camp.IN.gov